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Performance-Based Analytical Prediction of Fireproofing Requirements in Complex Buildings

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Research Needs for Fire Resistance Determination and Performance Prediction

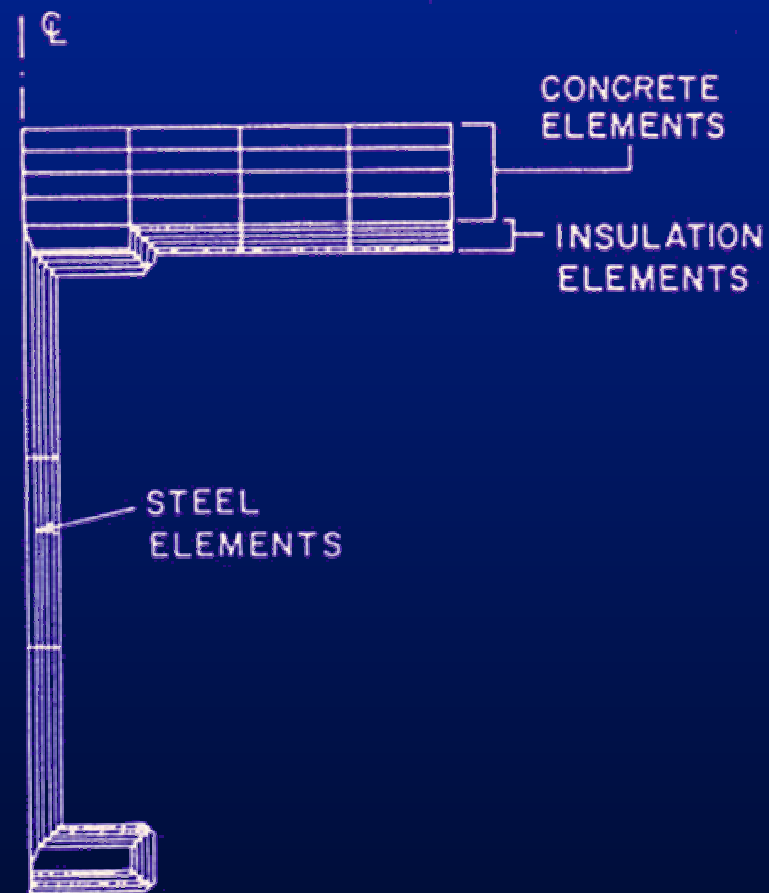
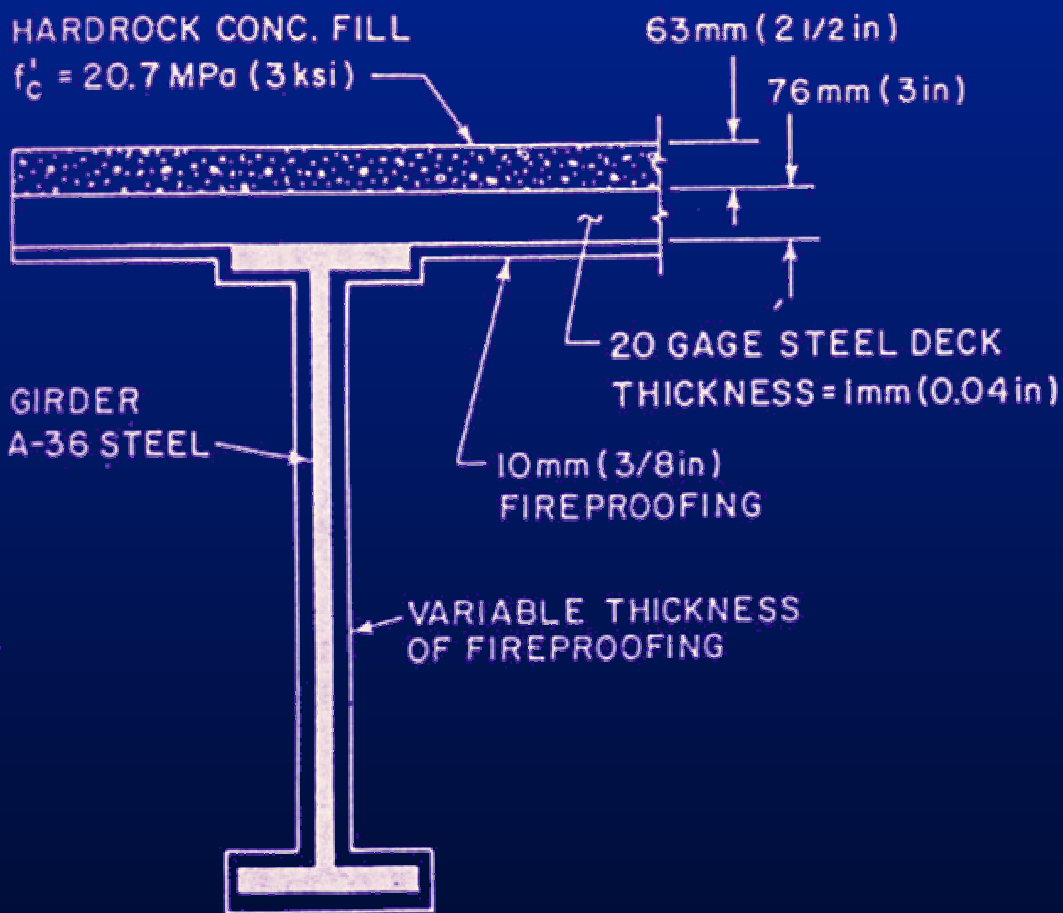
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Analytic Approach to Fire Safety Design

- Possible fire exposures based on site-specific conditions (fuel load, ventilation, etc.).
- Temperature history during fire calculated by heat conduction computer programs.
- Based on calculated temperatures, fire endurance determined using structural analysis computer programs.



Heat Conduction Equation

$$\rho C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + K \nabla^2 T = Q$$

| | | | |
|-------|----------------|---|---|
| where | ρ | = | density of steel |
| | C | = | specific heat capacity of steel |
| | T | = | temperature distribution in column |
| | t | = | time |
| | K | = | heat conductivity of steel |
| | Q | = | heat input into column |
| | $\nabla^2 ()$ | = | $\frac{\partial^2 ()}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 ()}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 ()}{\partial z^2}$ |

Fire Boundary Conditions

$$Q=A [C (T_f - T_s)^N + V * \sigma (a\varepsilon_f\theta_f^4 - \varepsilon_s\theta_s^4)]$$

| | | | |
|-------|-----------------|---|--|
| where | A | = | surface exposed to fire |
| | C | = | convection coefficient |
| | N | = | convection power factor |
| | V | = | radiation view factor |
| | σ | = | Stefan-Boltzmann constant |
| | a | = | absorption of surface |
| | ε_f | = | emissivity of the flame associated with fire |
| | θ_f | = | absolute temperature of fire (°R) |
| | ε_s | = | surface emissivity |
| | θ_s | = | absolute temperature of surface (°R) |
| | T_f | = | fire exposure temperature (°R) |
| | T_s | = | steel temperature (°R) |

Matrix Heat Conduction Equations

$$[C] \{T\} + [K] \{T\} = \{Q\}$$

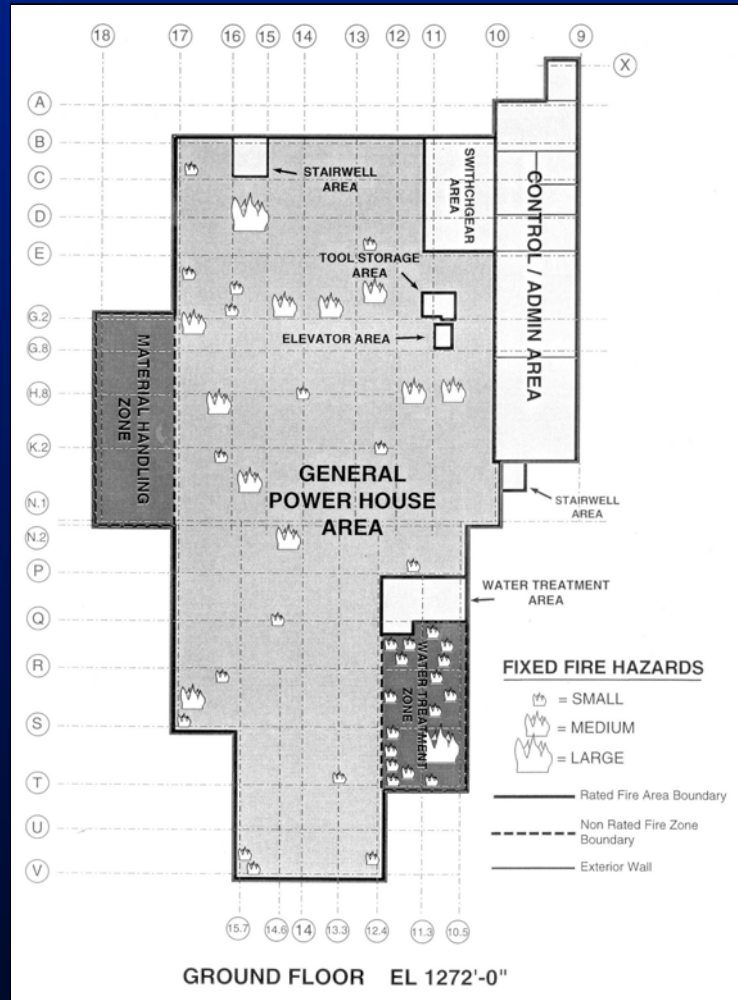
$[C]$ = Capacity matrix
(temperature-dependent)

$[K]$ = Conductivity matrix
(temperature-dependent)

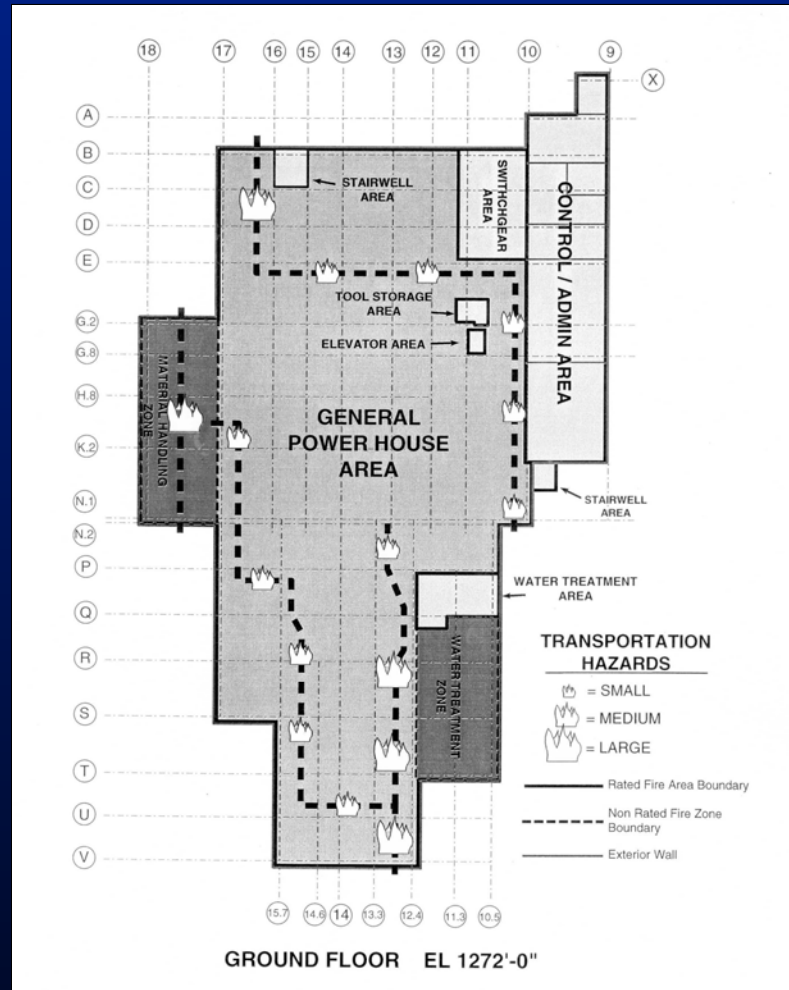
$\{Q\}$ = External heat flow vector
(depends on exothermic reactions and fire boundary conditions)

$\{T\}$ = Temperature vector
(time-dependent)

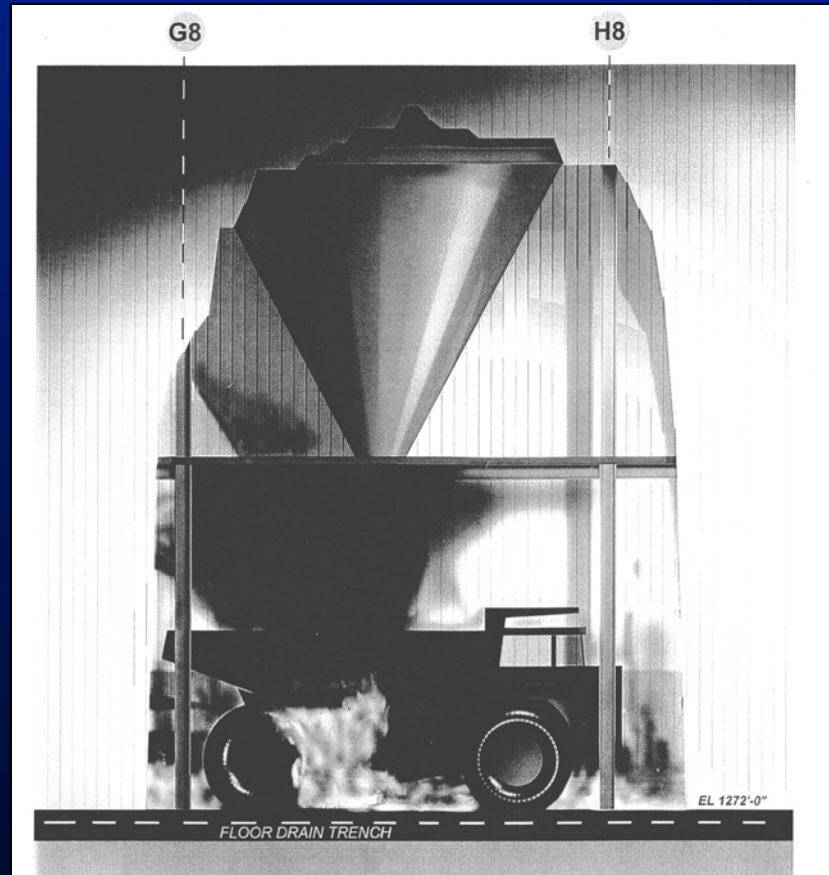
Fixed Fire Hazards on Ground Floor of Healy Power Plant



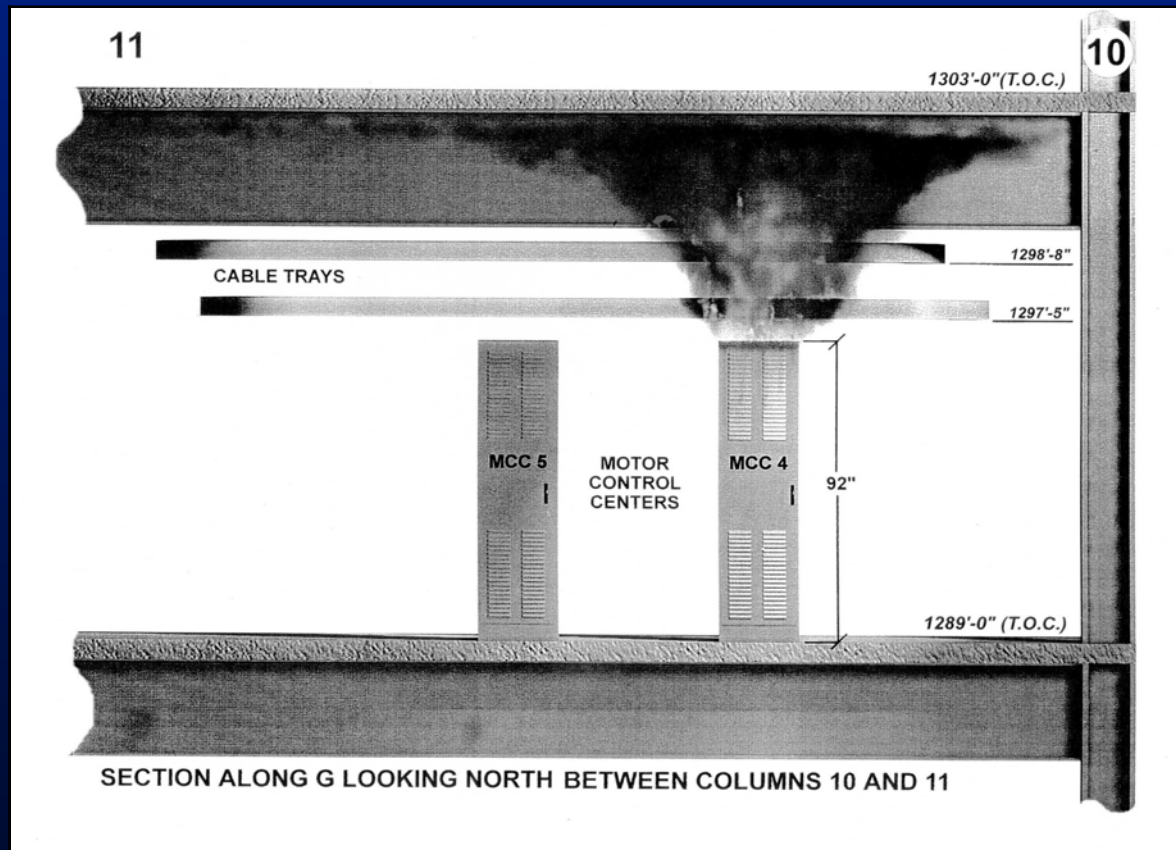
Transportation Fire Hazards on Ground Floor of Healy Power Plant



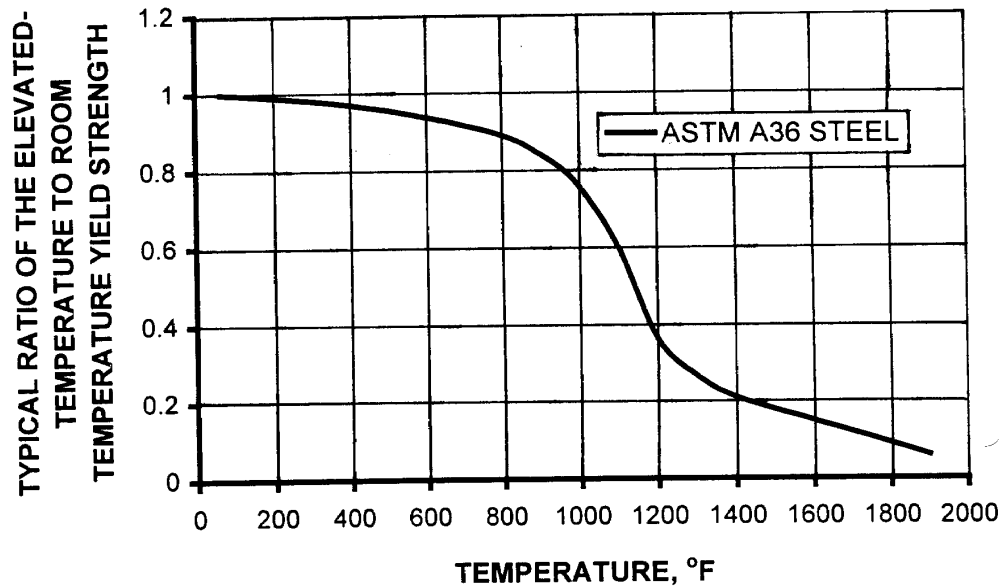
Large Truck Fire Scenario



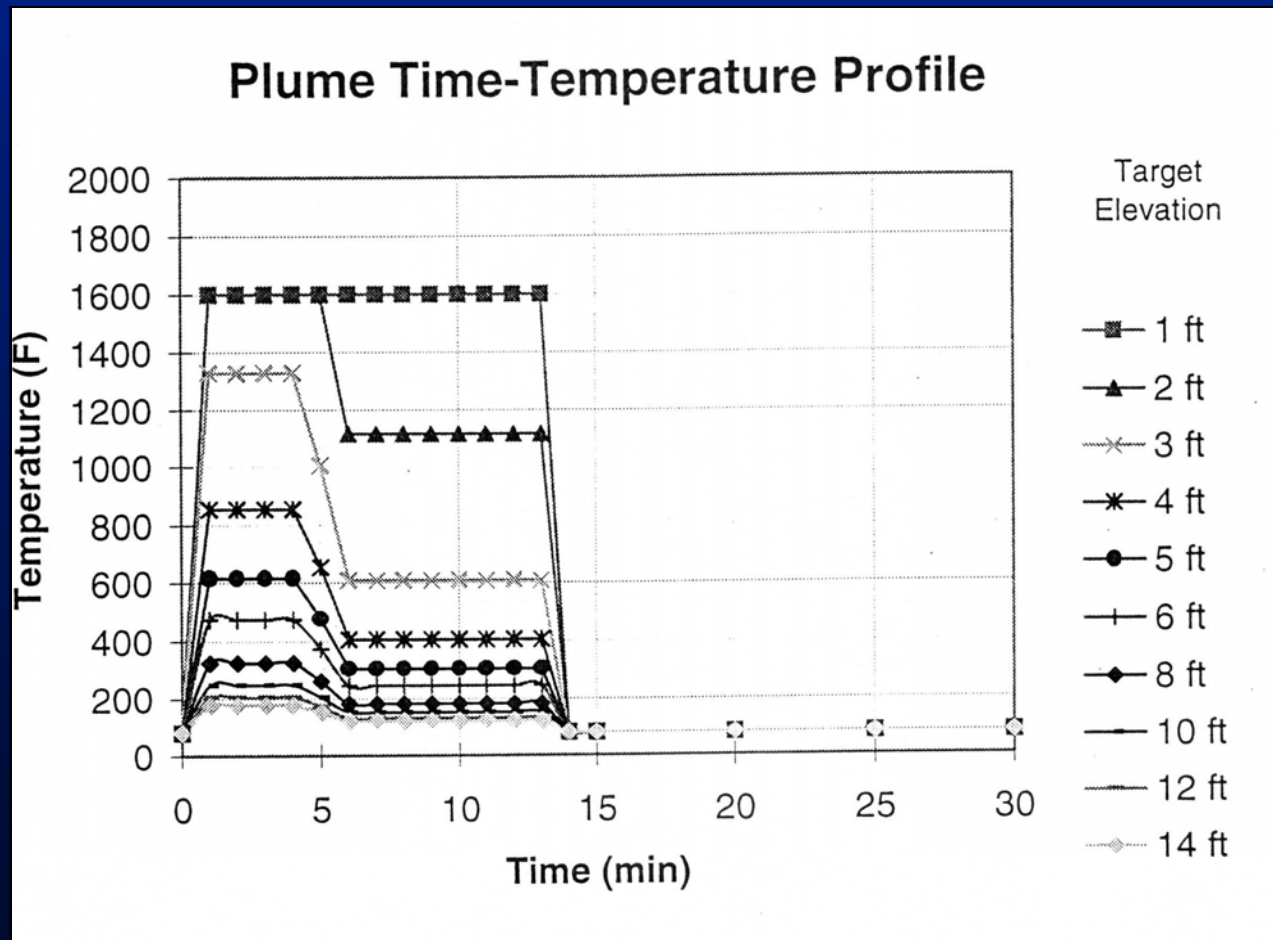
Motor Control Center Fire Scenario



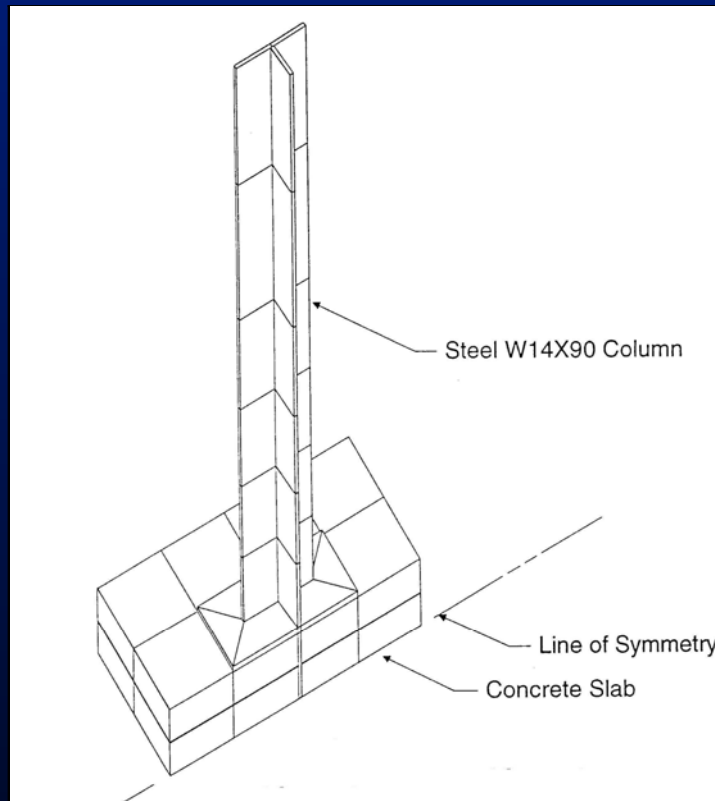
Effect of Temperature on the Ratio Between Elevated-Temperature and Room-Temperature Yield Strength of Steel



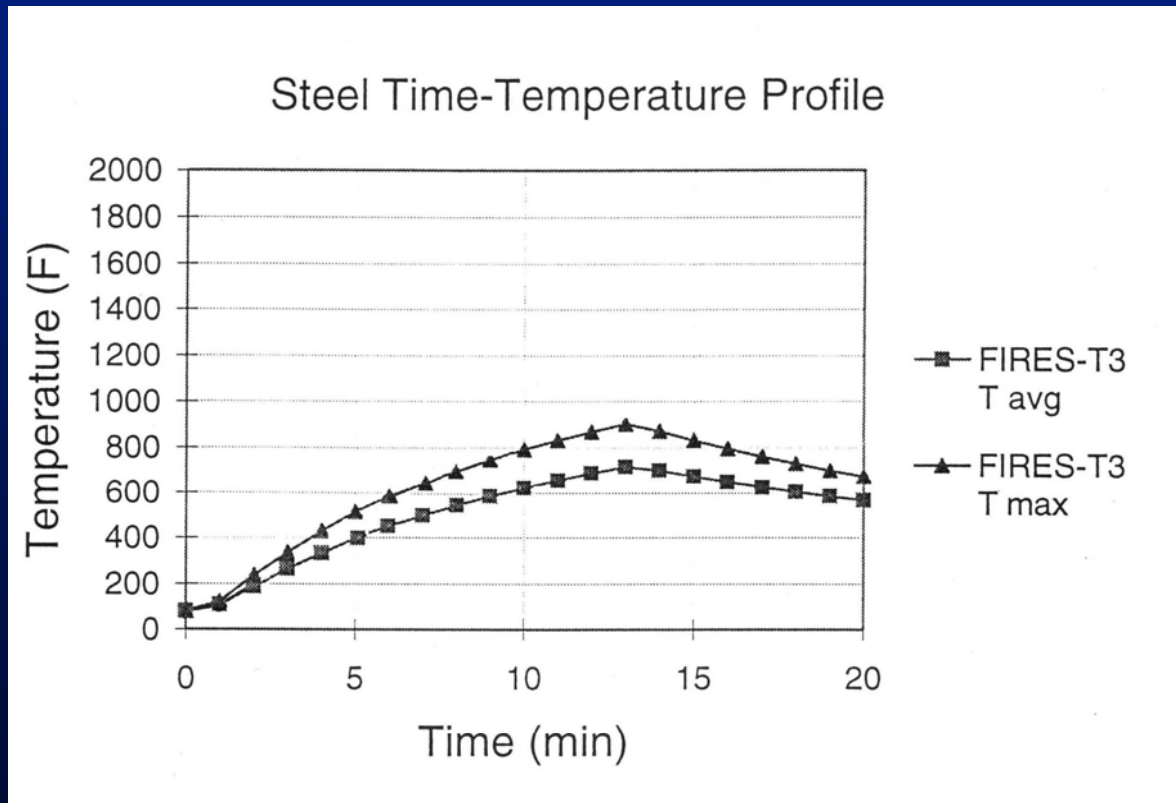
Column Exposure Temperatures from Maintenance Refuse Fire



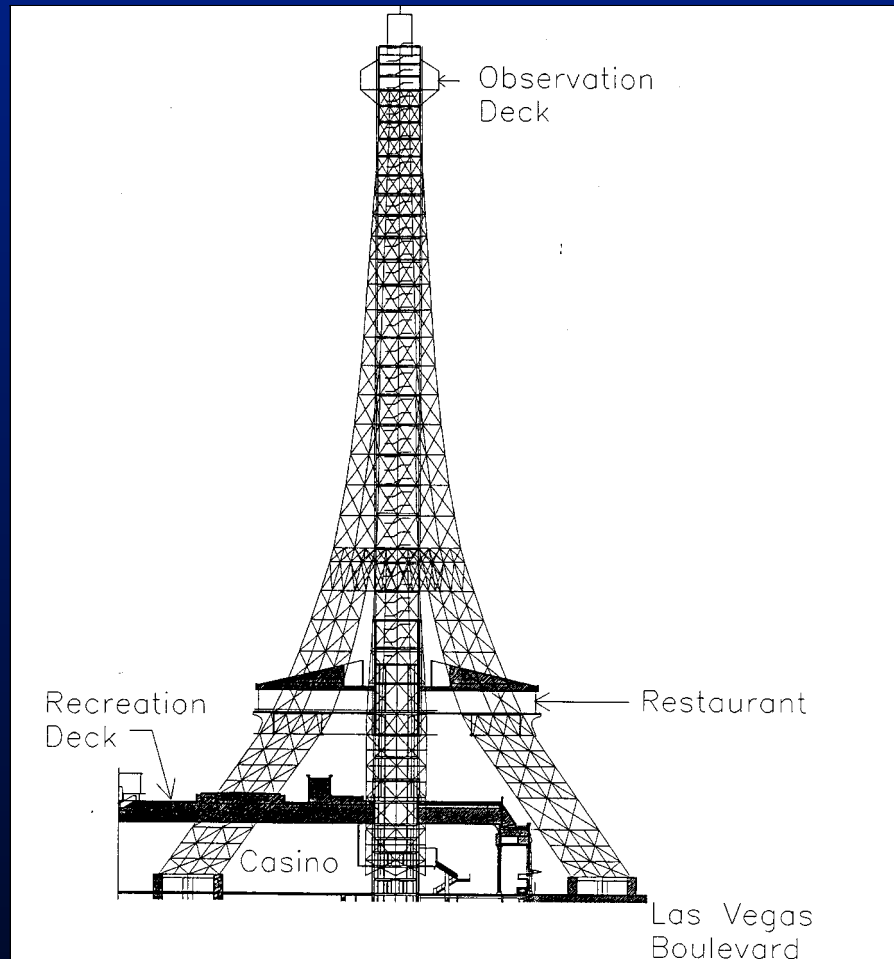
Column, Adjacent Base Plate and Floor Slab Discretized into Finite Element Mesh



Steel Temperature History for Maintenance Refuse Fire



Eiffel Tower II



Calculated Steel Temperatures in Eiffel Tower II for Four Fire Scenarios

